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In our capacity as representatives of the co-presidents of the Paris Conference on Cambodia, we have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement made by the signatory States of the Paris Conference on Cambodia.

We should be grateful, if you could provide for the distribution of this statement as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement on Cambodia

At the initiative of the co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia, the signatory States of the agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict declare their firm determination to support the electoral process under way in that country. In particular, they support unreservedly the decision of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia that the elections shall be held on 23/27 May 1993. They call on UNTAC to continue to make every effort to create and maintain a neutral political environment conducive to the holding of free and fair elections, and support UNTAC's endeavours in this respect. For this purpose, the signatory States pledge their full support to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, M. Yasushi Akashi, in implementing the Paris agreements, in cooperation with the SNC. They associate themselves with resolution 810 as well as other relevant Security Council resolutions.

The signatory States of the Paris agreements vigorously condemn all acts of violence committed on political or ethnic grounds whoever the perpetrators and the victims may be. In particular, they express their indignation at the cowardly assassinations of civilian and military personnel of UNTAC who came to Cambodia on a mission of peace. They demand that all Cambodia parties take measures necessary to end all acts of violence and to ensure particularly the safety of all United Nations civilian and military personnel.

They call upon all Cambodian parties to abide by their commitment under the Paris agreements to respect the results of the elections provided they are certified free and fair by the United Nations. They express their readiness to support fully the Constituent Assembly and the process of drawing up the Constitution and establishing a new Government for all Cambodia.

The signatory States of the Paris agreements express their support for and confidence in His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of State and President of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, for his crucial role in carrying out the peace process and in promoting national reconciliation. They pledge their full support for the determination of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and the people of Cambodia to achieve a comprehensive political settlement and to proceed with the election. They also support fully the vital role of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and the people of Cambodia in securing the assistance and active engagement of the international community in post election reconstruction and peace-building in Cambodia.

Finally, the signatory States reiterate their full commitment to implement the Paris agreements.